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### Final Modifications to Pesticide Registration NOM-032

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**Report Highlights:**

The Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on August 11, 2015 an announcement containing a modification to an official standard NOM-032-FITO-1995 that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological effectiveness of agricultural pesticides and the rendering of a technical opinion. The effective date of this modification will be 360 calendar days after publication in the Mexican Federal Register.

## **General Information:**

**Introduction:** This report summarizes an announcement by the The Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on August 11, 2015, containing the modification to an official standard NOM-032- FITO-1995 that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological effectiveness of agricultural pesticides and the rendering of a Technical Report.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a  *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**Title:** Modification to the Official Mexican Norm [NOM-032-FITO-1995](#) that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological effectiveness of agricultural pesticides and the rendering of a Technical Report.

## **Executive Summary:**

The final modifications to the Mexican official standard NOM-032-FITO-1995 were published in the "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on August 11, 2015, after the project was announced on April 8, 2014. (See [Report MX 4033](#) "Proposed Modifications to Pesticide Registration NOM".)

To control pests, the use of pesticides is one of the most used alternatives, making it necessary to ensure that each product be evaluated properly in order to determine with precision, its efficiency and performance in Mexico's field conditions and to assess the benefits of its use. Therefore the information to obtain the Technical Report of Biological Effectiveness must be firmly grounded on scientific bases and according with good laboratory practices. The present modification was approved on June 15, 2015, and subsequently ratified by the National Advisory Committee of Standardization for Agro-food.

This standard is mandatory throughout the national territory and aims to establish biological effectiveness specifications that pesticides for agricultural use must demonstrate when undergoing for a Technical Report of Biological Effectiveness before the Secretariat of Agriculture.

## **Important Dates**

**1. Publication Date:** August 11, 2015.

### **2. Effective Dates:**

a.) The present modification will be effective 360 calendar days after August 11, 2015; and will leave without effect the previous NOM-032 that was published on August 1, 1997.

b.) The name of the NOM-032 that was modified is changed to NOM-032-SAG/FITO-2014 that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological

effectiveness of agricultural pesticides and the rendering of a Technical Report.

c.) The proceedings initiated before the entry into force of this Amendment, will be solved in accordance with NOM-032-FITO-1995, until its conclusion.

d.) The Secretariat of Agriculture through the National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) will issue the Notice that will contain the requirements to obtain the approval for the Testing Laboratories in 90 calendar days as maximum after the August 11, 2015 publication.

e.) The Secretariat of Agriculture through SENASICA will issue the List of Testing Laboratories approved to perform the Biological Effectiveness studies in 270 calendar days after the August 11, 2015 publication.

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